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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, USIB**

**SUBJECT: Update of DCID 1/2, "U. S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities"**

1. DCID 1/2, "U. S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities," 21 January 1972, provides for an annual review to ensure:

"(a) that major changes in the international situation or modification of U. S. national policy goals are reflected in objectives and assigned priorities; and (b) that the structure and format of the listing remain appropriate as a means of expressing U. S. intelligence needs."

2. In DCID 1/2, responsibility for conducting this annual review is assigned to the Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation (D/DCI/NIPE), whose title has since been changed to Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence, Intelligence Community (D/DCI/IC).

3. It has been six months since the new directive became effective, and as a preparation for the annual review it is requested you obtain from all USIB participants their comments on the usefulness of the current DCID 1/2 and on how this directive could be improved as a medium for expressing basic substantive guidance for planning and programming U. S. intelligence efforts over a period of five years.

4. These comments should be as specific as possible and, in particular, should address the following questions:

a. How has the DCID been used?

b. How could its usefulness or potential usefulness as guidance for resource use decisions be enhanced?

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c. What changes in objectives and priorities are called for as a result of changes in the international situation and U. S. policy since January 1972?

d. In what specific ways might the statement of objectives, the definition of priorities, and the matrix for assigning priorities by objectives and individual countries be improved?

5. It is requested these comments be received no later than 1 September 1972.

(Signed) Bronson Tweedy

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SUBJECT: DCID 1/2, "U.S. Intelligence Objectives  
and Priorities"

REFERENCES: a. DCID 1/2, 28 January 1972  
b. Tab C to USIB-D-5.1.6, "Background Study on  
U.S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities,"  
December 1971

1. The enclosed memorandum on this subject from the Deputy  
to the Director of Central Intelligence, Intelligence Community,  
is forwarded for action by Board participants.

2. This represents one of the initial steps in the annual  
revision of the statement of U.S. intelligence objectives and  
the listing of their priorities, as called for by DCID 1/2.

USIB ACTION REQUESTED

3. USIB participants are requested to forward their  
responses to the attached memorandum directly to the D/DCI/IC  
before close of business 31 August 1972.

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Enclosure:  
D/DCI/IC Memorandum

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